



UNYBCA

Minutes from Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Metro 7 Diner

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by John DeFiore.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Remarks: John DeFiore.

John welcomed everyone and stated that we have a quorum, so he called for a motion to approve the February 12, 2025 meeting minutes.

Minutes Approval:

Motion to approve 2/12/2025 minutes:

By: Simone Zalewski.

2nd: Lynn Baum-Jakubiak.

Abstentions: 0

No: 0

Vote: Unanimous to accept: 16

Announcements:

Dick Andrews passed away and Barbara Andrews was very appreciative of those who attended his Services, as well as the flowers from the Club. Please keep her and their family in your thoughts.

Also, Rosemary Durso Malette will be stepping down from her position as a Board Member and Club Secretary as of August 31, 2026, which is after our National Meet in 2026. If anyone has an interest in filling this position, please contact John D., Ed A. or Rosemary M.

Upcoming Chapter Car Events:

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Saturday, March 15th at 12:30 pm.

Ed has been going to the organizing meetings. He indicated that he has enough cars, and to meet at 11 am at McDonald's in Kohl's Plaza.

Rhinebeck Antique Car Show and Swap Meet (May 2nd to 4th). Club tour to the event will be on Sunday, May 4th. We have a designated spot for Buick cars to park as a group. If you park there, your car will not be judged. Contact Ed A. for more details regarding meeting time/place.

Leadfoot Lucy Cruise-In at Kohl's Plaza begins on the first Wednesday, May 7th until the last Wednesday, September 24th. 5 pm to 8 pm. Contact Ken M. for more information.

Cadillac Buick Lawn Show: Saturday, May 17th, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Saratoga Automobile Museum. Ed A. has Registration Forms. Please mail them to Roxanne Tomak.

Cruise-In to Summer 16, Saturday, June 14th, 11 am to 3pm, Goldstein Buick GMC.

Rain Date: Saturday, June 28th.

Old Business:

Membership Report: Chris Timber.

Members: 43 BCA: 26 (60%) MAL: 17 (40%)

This has been fairly consistent percentage over the years. Six members have still not renewed.

Chris Timber is stepping down as Membership Chair on April 1, 2025 and Ted Sweet has agreed to take the Membership Chair position. Thank you to Chris for all she has done for many years, and thanks to Ted for stepping up to take the responsibility.

John Corey has been comped for this year's dues to work on the National Meet Program Book.

Treasurer Report: Ken M.

Bank balance: \$6,199.01

Income:

Expenses:

Website Report: Tom Proulx /Ed Allmond

Tom has a lead on someone who might help us with our UNYBCA Website.

Facebook Report: Simone Z.

Tony D. sent an invitation to John D. to be an Administrator, allowing him to have access to our Facebook page. John D. indicated he has not received that invitation yet. Tony D. will send again.

Newsletter Report: Lynn Baum-Jakubiak.

Lynn is always looking for articles, stories on meets and pictures, such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Rhinebeck, Leadfoot Lucy, CITS 16 and our National Meet.

Rosemary submitted one recently regarding the January Ronald McDonald House Charities Radiothon 2025.

Lynn is willing to continue as Editor despite her impending move to Florida, as long as she has material to work with.

Motion to approve Committee Reports:

By: Ed Allmond.

2nd: Tony D'Amelio.

Abstentions: 0

No: 0

Vote: Unanimous to accept: 16

Current Club Business:

Ed A.: No update for Club Merchandise at this time.

The proposed 2025-2026 Budget was presented by Ken M., highlighting our anticipated income and expenses.

Motion to accept the proposed 2025-2026 Proposed Budget:

By: Ed Allmond.

2nd: John Corey.

Abstentions: 0

No: 0

Vote: Unanimous to accept: 16

CITS 16: John D:

Saturday, June 14th, 11 am to 3pm, Goldstein Buick GMC.

Rain Date: Saturday, June 28th.

Tom and Diane Prolux's 66 Electra has been chosen for the CITS 16 poster car.

All members are asked to solicit one business in their area for the Chance Auction or for a potential cash donation. Since we donate all funds collected to the two charities, many businesses might like the opportunity to help out. Equinox and Boy Scout Troop 278 are 501c3 organizations, so their donations should be tax deductible. Please help us out with this effort.

Ed A. passed around the final copies of the CITS 16 Flyer which were created by Bob Martino, and it was decided not to add the Business Cards of those donors who donated \$100 or more on the flyer. Thanks Bob!!

Tee Shirts were discussed by Ed A. and he will ask Jackson Taunton to see if there is a good pricing for the small run. Or perhaps, we could get a sponsor for the tee shirts, to defray the cost?

National Meet: John D.

We have contacted the Albany Airport which has a large parking lot 1.25 miles from the Desmond Hotel. The area is fully fenced and it appears it will more than accommodate the projected 60 trailers. We have been approved for its use for participants to park their trailers. It will move the parking cost (\$7.00 daily rate) and security out of our hands. We will need some staff on hand while trucks are parking.

The only caveat will be that the lot will be repaved next year, so we hope that does not occur during our Meet.

Perhaps Napa Auto would be able to accommodate us, if we cannot use the airport parking lot?

We are looking for an alternative hotel. John has a appointment with the Manager of the Hilton Garden Inn Albany Airport, as an option.

Tour plans continue to be developed.

We have submitted a contract deposit with Premiere Transportation for the tour buses. They are offering us a favorable rate compared to today's prices.

We also have a contract deposit submitted for a tour lunch with the *Common Roots Brewing Company Restaurant in Albany*.

John D. has completed the registrations required for the *NY State Museum* tours.

We have discounted pricing for the *USS Slater* tours. John D. has yet to hear back from the *Ten Broeck Mansion*. Other tours are yet to be worked out, but they will have to be self-driving tours. John D. was wondering if we should revisit the after-tour we did in 2017, or a possible loop through Saratoga or a brass car tour.

Discover Albany has been consulted. They provided us with many contacts this year. We are working with them on a sponsorship. We are also hoping they will attend this year's National Meet in Concord, North Carolina (July 23-26, 2025) to promote our event and the Albany area. We have a meeting with them on March 26th.

John D. and Ed A. met with John Corey regarding the program booklet for the National Meet. Advertising rates and sponsorship rates have been determined.

John Corey did some drafting work and created a very nice image for the Meet logo. Right now, we are waiting on Jackson Taunton, our shirt vendor, for his artist to review and propose draft images from John's piece. If he presents something we want, then we will need to get any permissions required, and that will be a big step ahead. We are hoping to have a graphic design for the Meet tee shirts soon.

We have a spreadsheet of all our anticipated incomes and expenses for the Meet. This will be used to establish final pricing for all activities. It was used to submit a budget to the BCA Board of Directors for approval. We have not heard yet if that has occurred.

The BCA By-Laws have changed recently to increase the amount a sponsoring chapter will receive from hosting a Meet by \$500.00. Thus, the minimum we can now expect from this Meet is \$3,000.00. We have verified that the new amount will apply to our show.

However, this \$3000.00 has to be split among our club and the volunteers from the other Chapters. So, John has proposed his "Percentage Worked Plan," whereby we create a worksheet to record the hours worked by each volunteer, and then their clubs can receive their allotted monies.

Tony D. suggested that we have each Chapter take responsibility for the calculation of their members hours worked, which seems easier to manage.

Motion to accept the "Percentage Worked Plan:

By: Ed Allmond.

2nd: Tony D'Amelio.

Abstentions: 0

No: 0

Vote: Unanimous to accept: 16

We will need help soliciting sponsorships. Please contact John D. or Ed A. if you can assist. A package of materials and a potential script are being developed.

So far, we want to solicit associations like the Restaurant Association or the local Buick Dealer group, maybe Glen T. would help us identify interested dealerships. Let's think about others, such as the Town of Colonie, or Napa Auto.

Sharon Summer has volunteered to make signs for the National Meet. Tom P. has agreed to make the bases. Contact him if you can assist. We still need paper towel tubes.

Chapter vendor spot Survey: John D.

John said he would survey members about the need for a chapter vendor spot at the National. He has not had the time to work on this, but he will try to get it done before the next meeting.

Questions: please contact John D. or Ed A.

New Business:

John D. indicated that all members need to become BCA members instead of MAL members for the 2025-2026 budget year only, for purposes of the Buick Club of America favorably recognizing our chapter. Discussion followed regarding the logistics of such a change for our National Meet in August 2026.

Open Floor:

Rosemary M. thanked JoAnn Rupeka for bringing in a baggie of soda can pull tops for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Rosemary M. is a volunteer there and these pull tabs are turned in to a recycler for monies for the operation of the house in Albany. Please continue to support them in this small way. Thank you!!

Rosemary M. also recognized Chris Timber for all of her hard work as Membership Chair these many years. Her efforts were invaluable to our club. Thank you Chris!!

Members in Attendance: 16

John DeFiore

Ed Allmond

Ken and Rosemary Malette

Chris Timber

Lynda Baum-Jakubiak

Tom and Dianne Proulx

Simone Zalweski

Al Patnode

Tony D'Amelio

Ed Marcy

Bill Traver

John Schmid

John Corey

JoAnn Rupeka

Maria Willig (non-member)

Sharon Summer (non-member)

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Rosemary Durso Malette.

Adjournment: 8:14 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

6 pm for dinner and 7 pm for the meeting. Metro 7 Diner.